

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-  
ARGNINE OR L-LYSINE BY  
FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1656

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks being on page 5.